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Restriction Requirement dated October 24, 2005

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REMARKS

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Claims 1-19 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-18, drawn to a rail(s), classified in class 015, subclass 250.451; and

Group II, claim 19, drawn to a method of making a rail, classified in class 29, subclass 897.2.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicant elects, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-18.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Paul C. Lewis, Registration No 43,368 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.

Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Dated: October 24, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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